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DECLINING OF FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains production in tribal areas of Karnataka has declined as the irrigation in these areas depends on rain;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Union Government;

(c) whether the Union Government is providing adequate quantity of foodgrains to the affected tribals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): The foodgrain production has declined from 99.96 lakhs tonnes in 1998-99 to 68.31 lakhs tonnes in 2002-03 in Karnataka including its tribal areas.

To increase the foodgrain production in the State, assistance is provided under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. Assistance is also given under the scheme of `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM)` to increase production and productivity of pulses.

Government of India allocates adequate quantity of foodgrains under the schemes of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Special component of SGRY, Annapurna, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Mid-Day Meal Scheme and Grain Bank to the States for eligible people including tribals.